

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**FERREE**

**Serial No.: 10/787,469**

Filed: February 26, 2004

For: ANNULUS FIBROSIS  
AUGMENTATION METHODS (as  
amended)

Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: David C. Comstock

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant herein requests a corrected filing receipt for the above-identified patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt mailed June 17, 2004, attached as Exhibit A, with the requested corrections manually noted. Applicant respectfully asks that the following corrections be made and a new Official Filing Receipt be issued.

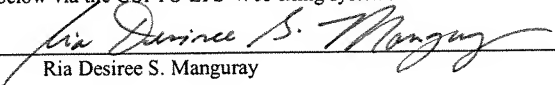
The Filing Receipt for the above-identified application (copy enclosed) incorrectly lists the priority data. Please amend the domestic priority as follows.

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which is a CIP of 09/807,820 04/19/2001  
and is a CIP of 09/638,241 08/14/2000  
and is a CIP of 09/454,908 12/03/1999 PAT 6,491,724  
and is a CIP of 09/639,309 08/14/2000 PAT 6,419,702  
and is a CIP of 09/690,536 10/16/2000 PAT 6,371,990  
which is a CIP of 09/638,726 08/14/2000 PAT 6,340,369  
and is a CIP of 09/415,382 10/08/1999 PAT 6,419,704~~

These amendments are also requested in the Response filed herewith.

Additionally, in the Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement filed on February 20, 2007, Applicant requested that the title be amended as follows:

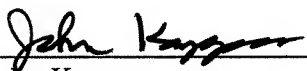
~~--ANNULUS FIBROSIS AUGMENTATION METHODS AND APPARATUS --~~

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with the filing of these documents to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT A



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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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## Foreign Applications

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Annulus fibrosis augmentation methods ~~and apparatus~~

**Preliminary Class**

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